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I am writing to express my support for the stream flow regulations in general, but also to state my concerns for some of the particulars.

I live in the Quinnipiac River watershed, and my family fishes, hikes, and kayak its waterways. We've witnessed its revival from a forgotten sewer to a natural resource that hosts osprey and bald eagles.

First off, the category of Class 4 streams must be removed. After all the years of hard work to improve water quality in our most afflicted urban rivers, we can't relegate them to being unsalvageable by not protecting their water volumes adequately. All the trout stockings and fishways will be for naught if this throwaway category is introduced.

Secondly, the problem of aquifer protection isn't addressed completely. Wells can simply tap out the river's water supply. This will result in an inadequate, interrupted supply of water, and the watershed's ecosystems will be devastated. Don't let the big users siphon away our streams to mere trickles.

I urge that these stream flow regulations be enacted with the above stated problems addressed.

Sincerely,

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